

GIS for Tribes

Tuolumne Me-Wuk Story

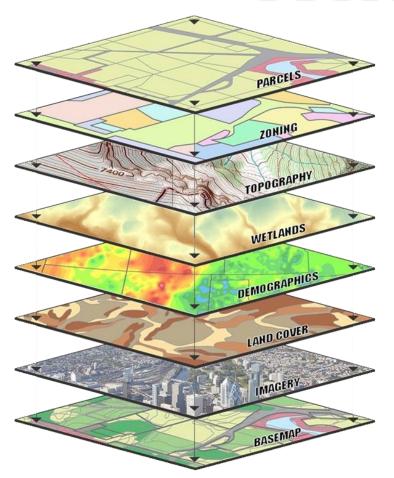
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What is GIS?



A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a SYSTEM that allows you to collect, analyze, store, and view INFORMATION (data), in a geographic way; i.e. MAPS

In doing so we better understand relationships, patterns, and trends

GIS benefits organizations of all types (federal, state, local, tribal, and private), of all sizes, and in every industry



If it Exists, Existed, or Could Exist IT CAN BE MAPPED!

Property & Boundaries

Tribal Lands/Tracts (Trust & Fee)
Assignments & Allotments
Fee to Trust Transfers
USFS, BLM, NPS, etc Property
County Parcel Data
Local Government Districts

Planning & Expansion

Tribal General Planning
County Planning & Zoning
Project Specific Planning
Commercial & Residential Expansion
Special Events

Infrastructure

Current & Future Transportation
Water, Power, Sewer Lines
Communications
Tribal Facilities & Housing
Regional Facilities

Public Safety

Fire, Law, and EMS
Resources & Response Areas
Fire Hydrants, Fuels Breaks, etc
Hazards (Fire, Floods, Drought)
Response & Evacuation Plans

Cultural

Cemeteries & Burials Sites
Hunting, Gathering, etc Sites
Villages & Other Cultural Sites
Historic Areas & Routes

Environmental

Vegetation Management
Conservation and Restoration
Fuels Reduction
Bark Beetles
Species Monitoring
Water Quality Testing
Geology, Soils, Mines, etc

Hydrology / Water Rights

Rivers, Creeks, & Ditches Lakes, Reservoirs, & Dams Watersheds (macro & micro) Springs, Meadows, and Marshes Water Rights



Geographic INFORMATION Systems It's Not Just "Mapping"...

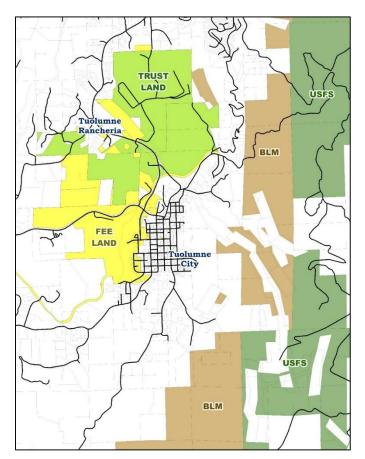


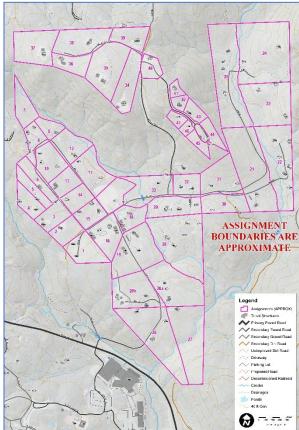
Accurate and Accessible INFORMATION about our PAST and PRESENT, allows us to better understand our world, and paves the way for intelligent and informed decision making about our FUTURE...



PROPERTY & PLANNING

Land Ownership



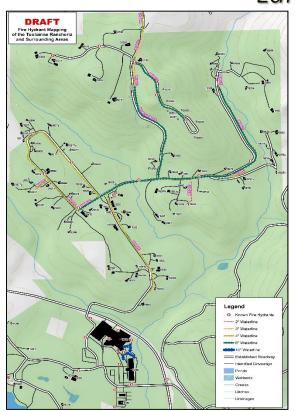


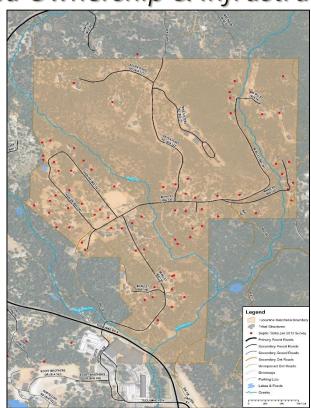


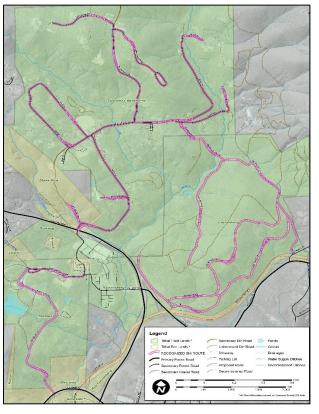


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Land Ownership & Infrastructure





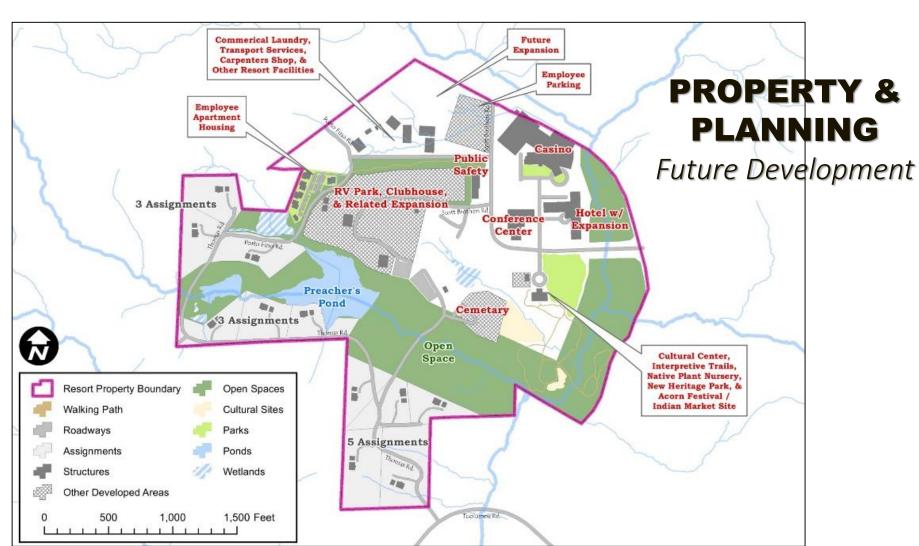


WATER LINES

SEPTIC TANKS

TRANSPORTATION

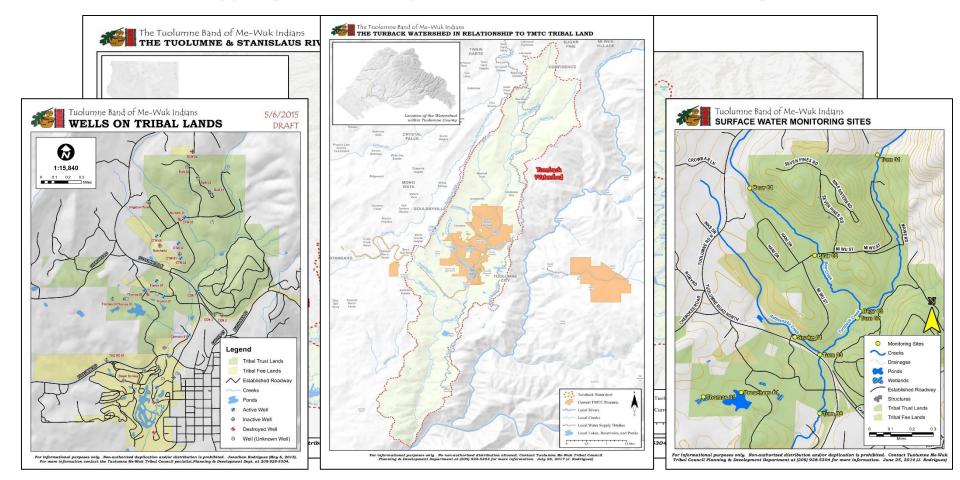






HYDROLOGY

Identifying Waterways, Watersheds, & Water Rights





Hazard Mapping

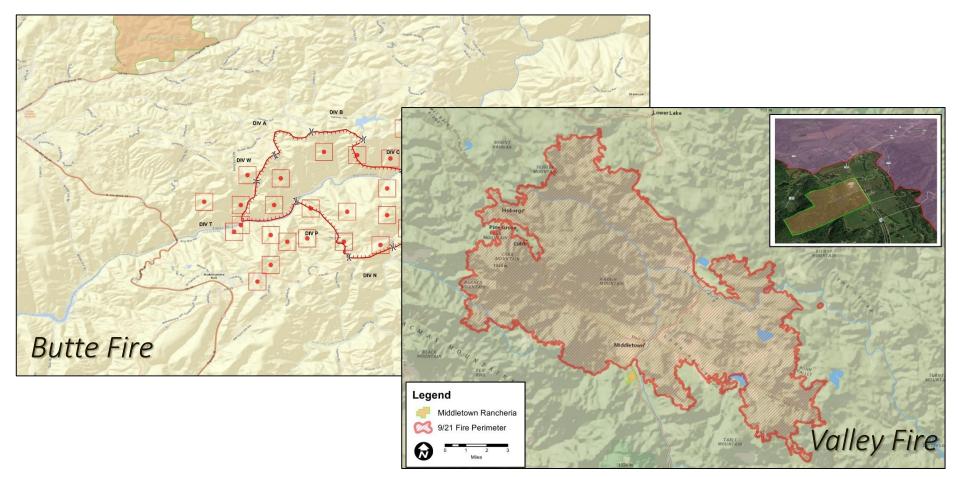






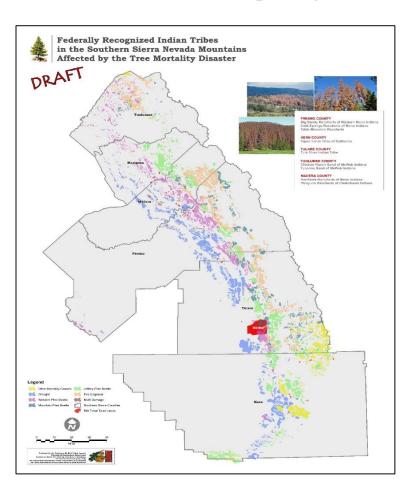


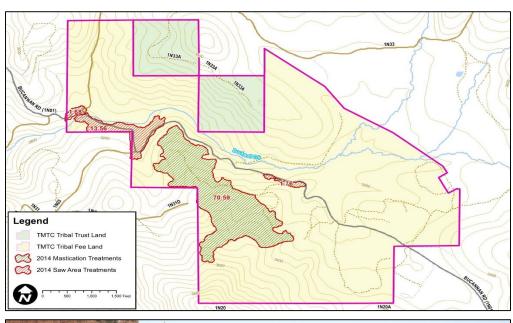
Emergency Incidents - Fire





Emergency Incidents - Environmental

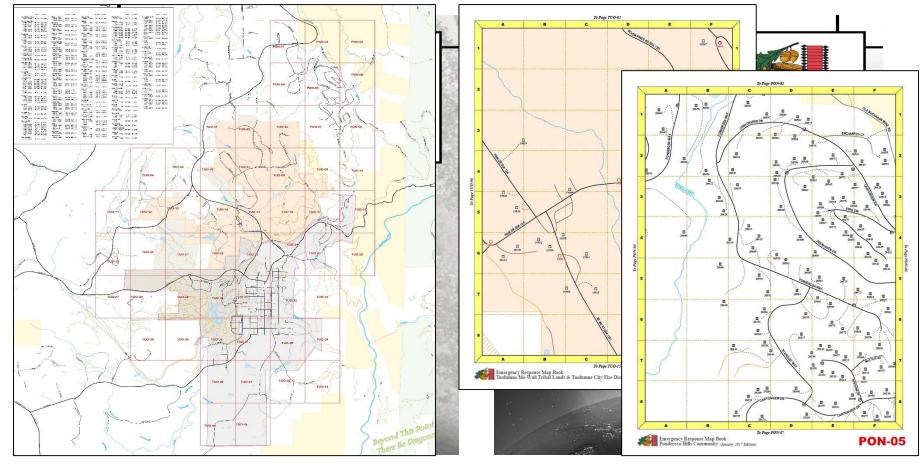








Emergency Response Maps & Map Book





IMPORTANCE OF GIS TO TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

- No matter your capacity, GIS is important
- GIS is still relatively new to tribes but can be accessed or developed for relatively free.
- GIS is an important tool to educate the tribal community visually about opportunities and constraints on tribal lands.



How to Develop a GIS Program

- Equipment and program purchase
 - How to find money
- Hiring GIS Specialist or train staff
 - Use of interns
- Understanding data management and how to protect information
 - Make sure you have backup
- Develop policies and procedures for
 - Creating maps
 - Where is data stored
 - Who has access
 - Which maps can be made public



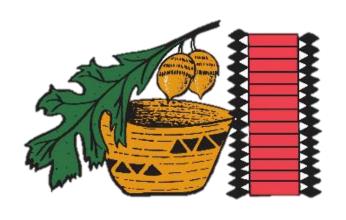
How to get Data

- Public information already out there
 - Federal agencies, State Agencies, Local government
- Current Projects in your area
 - Watershed, fuels reduction, emergency services
- Create your own
 - GPS
- Sharing of information
 - Educational institutions
 - Non-profits
 - Governmental agencies





THANK YOU!



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